

Local Resilience

Transition

Action Plan

2nd Meeting February 20th 2012

Agenda

- Welcome and introduction
- Show a Film - to be decided by the group
- Ideas from our last meeting for transitioning to:
 - A lower energy future
 - A more resilient community
- General discussion

List of DVD's to show

- **In Transition 1.0**
 - Introduction to the Transition Network . - Running time 49 minutes
- **Animate Earth**
 - Animate Earth is an emotional and scientific journey that explores the complexities of our relationship with the Earth. Shot on location in the UK, Norway and North America, the film features stunning photography of human and natural environments and inspiring interviews with leading thinkers in the field of ecological awareness, including Dr Fritjof Capra, Dr Vandana Shiva, Bill McKibben, Craig Holdrege and Dr Brian Swimme. - Running time 45 minutes
- **Age of Stupid**
 - The “Age of Stupid” is an imaginary documentary presented by a lonely librarian (Pete Postlethwaite) living in a building on stilts above the waves, amongst his archives, at some time in the future, about the events and various people interviewed in our time, showing some of the factors that led to insufficient action being taken to prevent run-away climate change, greatly raised sea-levels and not much left of our civilisation. Although not really a drama, it is very vivid, and brings home the state of denial so many people are living with now. - Running time 89 minutes.
- **Economics of Happiness - at the TEDX conference**
 - Presentation by Helena Norberg-Hodge on Localism vs Globalism . - Running time 19 minutes
- **Economics of Happiness – A film about globalisation based on the Ladakh region**
 - Delivers a powerful message about globalization: it is the small, local economies around the world that are preserving traditions, cultures and communities and ultimately safeguarding our planet. - Running time 65 minutes
- **Schumacher Centenary Festival**
 - The film taken at the October 2011 Festival in Bristol with presentations by: Satish Kumar, Polly Higgins, Caroline Lucas, Bill McKibben, Rob Hopkins, Tim Jackson. - Various running times depending on choice of speaker.

Group Feedback Suggestions

- Adjusting our lifestyles
- Recycling / repairing
 - children well aware of issues + need to adjust
- Sharing within the community
 - e.g. spare parts
- Ideas from manufacturers to save energy
- Reduce advertising
- Work to reduce waste, especially food
- Heat less of house/workplace
- Hydroelectricity
- Effects of international economy
- Encouraging communities to work together to save resources
 - e.g. insulation
 - helping one another - spread ideas and skills
- Develop “sharing” of cars/lifts within communities
- Food – buy locally – sharing
- Equipment – bartering/sharing
- Care – for those in need
- Develop communication within area
- Use modern technology alongside people to people contact
- Employment – work to create more in community – avoiding travel
- Power – move towards local provision where possible
- Incorporate new technology
 - e.g. solar panels in new builds
- Isolation – local community activities
- Return of skills to community
 - e.g. repairs/maintaining
- Views + involving younger generation
- Lobbying politicians

Group Feedback

Putting ideas into practice

- Transition Group – formed within local parishes
- Speaker e.g. from
 - Transition Network
 - Ecohere (Herefordshire)
- Create list of those interested
 - e.g. e-mail addresses
 - encourage this as contact alongside “face to face” meetings
- Identify skills / knowledge / interests within local communities
- Contact local Transition groups
 - e.g. Fownhope
 - Dorstone Front Room
- Involving younger people
- Literature available to borrow
- Seed Exchange

Potential initiatives

- Land for Food and Energy supply
- Alternative Energy Systems

Land for food and energy supply

Initiative

- To create the following:-
 - Community allotments
 - Sustainable food and drink strategy for Herefordshire
 - Land share for growing food
 - Community Composting Scheme
 - Community Woodland as a fuel source

Actions

- Set up Action Groups and :-
 - Talk to land owners to identify possible land availability.
 - Talk to Herefordshire Food Partnership
 - Talk to Ecohere
 - Talk to the Transition Network
 - Talk to local Environmental Groups
 - Talk to local Schools and give them an opportunity for involvement

Alternative Energy Systems

Initiative

- Encourage the use of the following Alternative Energy Systems:-
 - Solar Panels
 - Photovoltaic's
 - Wind Turbines
 - Ground/Air Source Heat Pumps
 - Combined heat and power using biomass fuel
 - Community Heating
 - Geothermal
 - Hydro
 - Wave and Tidal
 - Concentrating Solar Power

Actions

- Arrange seminars to inform people about available facilities and advice with invited speakers from the following:-
 - Energy Saving Trust
 - Herefordshire Council
 - Ecohere
 - Local Environmental Groups
 - Transition Groups
 - Local Gaia Partnership
 - Centre for Alternative Energy